

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 782 - SB 1076

February 17, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the offense of communicating a death threat concerning a school employee or student. *School* means elementary, middle, or high school; technology center or postsecondary vocational or technical school; or a two-year or four-year college or university.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$5,300/Incarceration\***

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

#### Assumptions:

- Estimated increase in state expenditures of \$5,300 for incarceration for one conviction per year.
- Any impact on caseloads for the state trial courts is estimated to be absorbed with existing judicial resources.
- Since this offense constitutes a felony, offenders would either be housed in state facilities or local facilities that would receive reimbursement from the state. Therefore, any impact on local law enforcement and court activity is estimated to be not significant.

\*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: *For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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